# 100th Anniversary

1872 - 1972

# George H. Taber Lodge
## A. F. & A. M.

*Fairhaven, Massachusetts*

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# ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE

of

# GEORGE H. TABER LODGE

# A. F. & A. M.

FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

June Twenty-sixth

Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two

# *HISTORY*
of
## GEORGE H. TABER LODGE, A. F. & A. M.

*THE ORIGINAL PETITIONERS WERE*:

George H. Taber
Elbridge G. Paull
Lorenzo Shurtleff
Job A. T. Eddy
Noah Stoddard
Daniel J. Lewis
Nathan D. Manter
Charles H. Morton
Ansel Tripp
Edwin Stowell
J. G. Morse
Benjamin F. Cottle
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Elisha Copeland
I. N. Babbitt, Jr.
Alfred Jones
Theodore E. Lawton
A. D. Stoddard

All of these afterwards became charter members with the exception of Noah Stoddard, Nathan D. Manter, Benjamin F. Cottle, George E. Bryant, James V. Cox, James B. Tarr, Phineas E. Terry, George H. Taber, and A. D. Stoddard.

Agreeable to the prayer of these petitioners the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts granted a dispensation to "Concordia Lodge" on December 12th, A.D. 1872, A.L. 5872. The dispensation was signed by Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Master, and attested by Charles H. Titas, Recording Grand Secretary. The Grand Master appointed "Brother Job A. T. Eddy to be the first Master, Brother E. G. Paull to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother Lorenzo Shurtleff to be the first Junior Warden of said Lodge."

The first meeting of the "Lodge" was held January 13th, 1873, and the other officers recorded on that occasion were Edwin Stowell, Treasurer; Seth H. Keith, Secretary; Rev. Frederick Upham, Chaplain; Charles H. Morton, Marshal; Levi M. Snow, Senior Deacon; James A. Lewis, Junior Deacon; Benjamin F. Cottle, Senior Steward; William L. Coburn, Junior Steward; John W. Nickerson, Tyler.

The Lodge received its Charter from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on December 10th, A.D. 1873, A.L. 5873, to take precedence from December 12, A.D. 1872, A.L. 5873, (the date of the Dispensation), and it was signed by Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Master; Percival L. Everett, Deputy Grand Master; Henry Endicott, Senior Grand Warden; Joseph K. Boker, Junior Grand Warden; and Charles H. Titas, Grand Secretary.

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The membership at that time was thirty-one.

The upper floor in the Pope Building, corner of William and Centre Streets, had been secured by the petitioners, renovated, furnished and adapted to lodge purposes. On January 30th, 1874, the "Officers of the Grand Lodge" dedicated the "Hall" to the purposes of Masonry in "Ancient Form" after which the lodge was "Constituted" and the officers elected and installed.

May 13th, 1901, the beautiful building now held by the George H. Taber Masonic Building Association was accepted as a gift from Brother Henry H. Rogers, of New York, a native of Fairhaven, and an honored member of the fraternity, holding membership in Star in the East Lodge of New Bedford, Mass., and on the same date it was voted to relinquish the name "Concordia Lodge" and be thereafter known under the title and designation of "George H. Taber Lodge", agreeable to a condition accompanying the gift.

June 18th, 1901, the lodge room in the new building was dedicated to "Free Masonry, Virtue, and Benevolence" by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of which Most Worshipful Charles T. Gallagher was Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Sereno D. Nickerson was Recording Grand Secretary.

The Fiftieth Anniversary was celebrated on December 10, 11, 12, 1922 beginning with a special communication opened in the Lodge Room Sunday, December 10, at 3:15 p.m. then the members marched to the Unitarian Memorial Church in regular formation where they listened to a very interesting sermon delivered by the Pastor Rev. Bro. William H. Parker, his subject being "The Divine Secrets."

The Annual Communciation, December 11, was held in the Lodge Room with 139 members present and the Secretary reported a total membership of 393 all of whom had paid their dues in full.

A Special Communication was held in the Lodge Room, Tuesday, December 12, 1922 with Wor. Joseph Sutcliffe, Jr. presiding and later all proceeded to the Town Hall where the concluding ceremonies of the Anniversary Program were held with a banquet and entertainment.

The three living Charter Members, Wor. Elbridge G. Paull, Bro. Charles H. Morton, and Bro. Elisha S. Whiting, were unable to be

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present but were remembered by a standing silent tribute of love and esteem.

The Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Right Worshipful Dudley H. Ferrell, Deputy Grand Master, and Wor. John V. Thorpe, Past Master of King Philip Lodge of Fall River addressed the breathren, and the history of the Lodge was read by Brother Frederick A. Keith, Secretary.

Worshipful Brother William H. Bly died October 29, 1924 while serving as Master.

Brother Frederick A. Keith died May 29, 1929 while in office having served faithfully and efficiently as Secretary for 36 years, and Brother David N. Kelley died May 15, 1942 while Treasurer, an office he had conscientiously filled for 44 years, a service which was recognized by a testimonial banquet served in the Town Hall May 9, 1940. Later on December 18, 1947 Bro. Harold F. Adshead presented to the Lodge a beautiful framed portrait of Bro. Kelley to be hung in the Lodge Room. It was presented in behalf of his son David L. Kelley and his grandson F. Standish Kelley.

In 1927 the Lodge was changed from the 30th Masonic District to the 31st, and the annual meeting changed from the 2nd Monday in December to the 2nd Monday in September.

In 1929 Wor. Bro. Charles E. P. Thompson was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 31st District.

In 1937 the elevator fund was started with many generous donations and this proposed improvement will become a reality when sufficient funds are available and conditions satisfactory.

Also during this year Rt. Wor. Bro. Thompson became Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and in 1938 Most Worshipful Earl W. Taylor, Grand Master, visited George H. Taber Lodge and presented Rt. Wor. Bro. Thompson a Henry Price Medal.

In 1939 the Lodge was changed back to the 30th District from the 31st.

In 1945 Wor. Colby H. Benson was appointed District Deputy Grand

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Master for the 30th District and a testimonial dinner was tendered him in February, and in May, Organist, Bro. John Hindle was shown the evidence of good fellowship and appreciation of his 18 years of faithful service in dispensing harmony in the Lodge by a testimonial dinner.

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary celebration began on Sunday, December 7, 1947 by a Service of Worship at the Unitarian Memorial Church. The Lodge was opened in the Temple at 3:15 P.M. with Wor. Cuthbert W. Tunstall, Master presiding. Then the members proceeded to the Church in regular formation where the service was opened by the Pastor Rev. Horace Westwood and the address given by Brother Rev. R. Eugene Gilmore whose subject was "Our Patron, Saint John the Baptist."

A Special Communication was held in the Lodge Room on Thursday, December 18, 1947 at 5:15 p.m. with Wor. Cuthbert W. Tunstall presiding. Most Worshipful Samuel Holmes Wragg, Grand Master of Masons in Mass. was cordially received and then the members and guests proceeded to the Town Hall for the Anniversary Banquet which was served at 6:30 p.m. The speakers of the evening were Most Worshipful Samuel H. Wragg, R.W. George D. Robertson, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Roger Keith, Past Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Charles E. P. Thompson, Past Junior Grand Warden; and R.W. L. Theodore Woolfenden, District Deputy Grand Master of the New Bedford 30th District; and R.W. Benjamin Barnes, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fall River 30th Masonic District. The history was read by Wor. Ellsworth M. Burgess.

On October 4, 1948, Wor. Carl V. Doberck presented to Bro. Charles P. Thatcher a beautiful Masonic ring in behalf of the Lodge in appreciation of his 25 years of faithful service as tyler. The next year an amendment to the By-Laws of the Lodge made all Past Masters Life Members when their terms expired.

On April 15, 1951, Rt. Wor. Charles E. P. Thompson gave the Lodge a framed reproduction of the Testimonial presented to Rt. Wor. George B. Luther at his home as a tribute to his 50th anniversary as a Past Master. The Testimonial was hung in the ante-room and a framed portrait of Wor. Bro. Luther was hung in the Lodge Room on April 14, 1952.

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February 16, 1953 was the date of the testimonial dinner in the Town Hall in honor of Rt. Wor. Cuthbert W. Tunstall on his appointment of District Deputy Grand Master of the New Bedford Thirtieth Masonic District. Rt. Wor. Charles E. P. Thompson presented Rt. Wor. Tunstall with a Past District Deputy Jewel in behalf of the members of the Lodge.

November 15, 1954 an oil painting of our deceased Brother John Hindle, painted and presented by Mrs. Charlotte Wlodyka, wife of Wor. Edward J. Wlodyka, was dedicated by Rt. Wor. Cuthbert W. Tunstall. Brother Hindle served the Lodge as Organist for many years and was loved by everyone.

Rt. Wor. Charles E. P. Thompson was commended by the Grand Lodge on March 15, 1955 for George H. Taber Lodge being one Lodge with 40 years of continuous attendance at Grand Lodge Communications and succeeding Officers and proxy have kept that record intact. May 28, 1956 a letter was read from Brother George J. Dodge informing the members that he did all the wood carving in the Lodge Room as selected by Brother Henry H. Rogers.

An impressive Masonic funeral service was held in the Unitarian Memorial Church for Right Worshipful Charles E. P. Thompson on August 2, 1956. Rt. Wor. Thompson died on July 29, that year. The services were attended by many prominent Masons, other citizens and veterans. The next month Rt. Wor. Colby H. Benson was directed to obtain a suitable portrait of Rt. Wor. Thompson to be framed and hung in the Lodge Room.

October 21, 1957 Wor. Carl V. Doberck was presented the Joseph Warren Medal for his devoted service to Masonry. On February 9, 1959 it was voted to transfer $1,200.00 to the George H. Taber Masonic Building Asociation to purchase from the National Bank of Fairhaven the lot due west of the building. Later that same year, on October 12, it was voted to transfer another $1,200.00 to the Association to repair the west wall of the building.

For the first time to our knowledge a regular communication could not be held because of the hurricane Donna on September 21, 1960, and

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under dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master it was postponed until September 26, 1960 at 6:00 p.m.

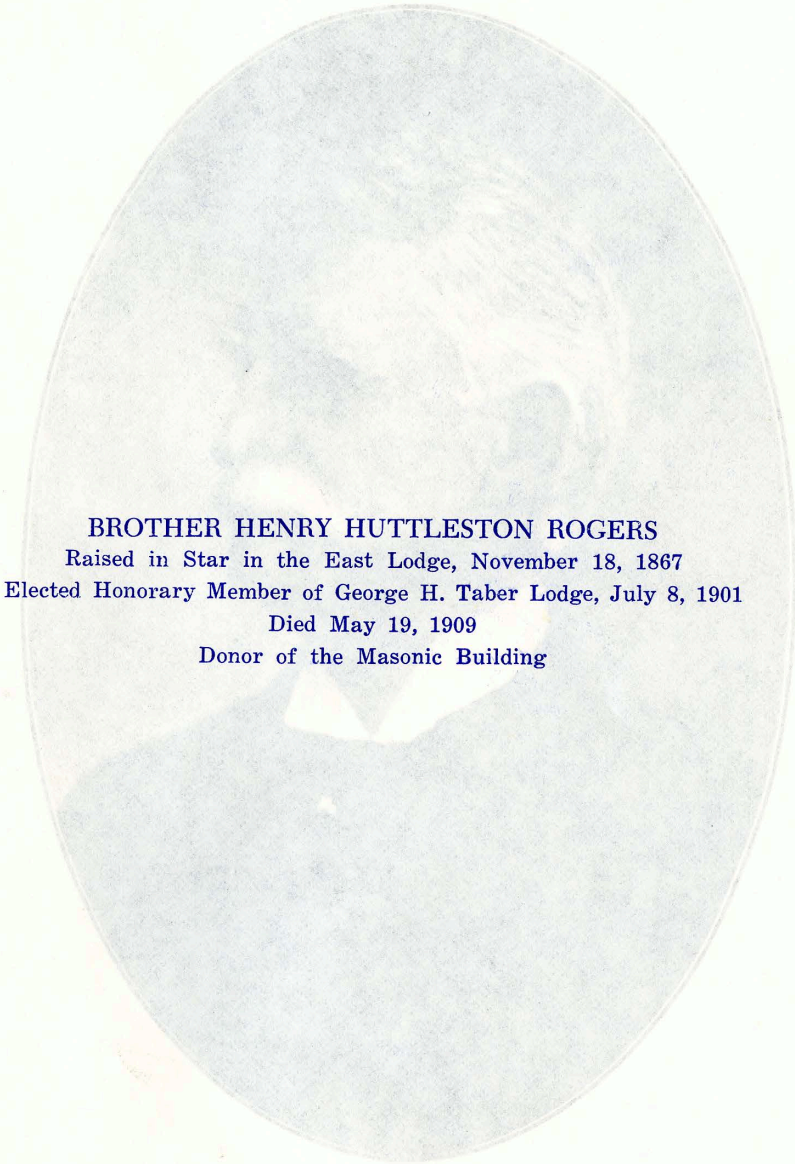
On June 11, 1963, at 5:15 p.m., a testimonial dinner was held in Babbitt Hall of the Congregational Church honoring Worshipful Frederick W. Reynolds for his faithful services as Secretary for 34 years. He was given a beautiful framed testimonial by Worshipful Walter J. Zych, while Right Worshipful Fred S. Wordell presented him the Joseph Warren Medal in behalf of the Grand Lodge for Distinguished Service: It is interesting to note that Worshipful Frederick W. Reynolds, who was raised in George H. Taber Lodge October 27, 1919, was as active in the 50th and 75th Anniversaries of the Lodge as he has been in the 100th.

On May 17, 1968 Worshipful Colby H. Benson, Jr. gave a resume of the Masonic activities of Worshipful Alvin L. K. Tunstall and presented the Lodge with a framed portrait of him in behalf of Bro. F. Eben Brown. Wor. Bro. Tunstall is the first member in Fairhaven to be elevated to the 33rd degree.

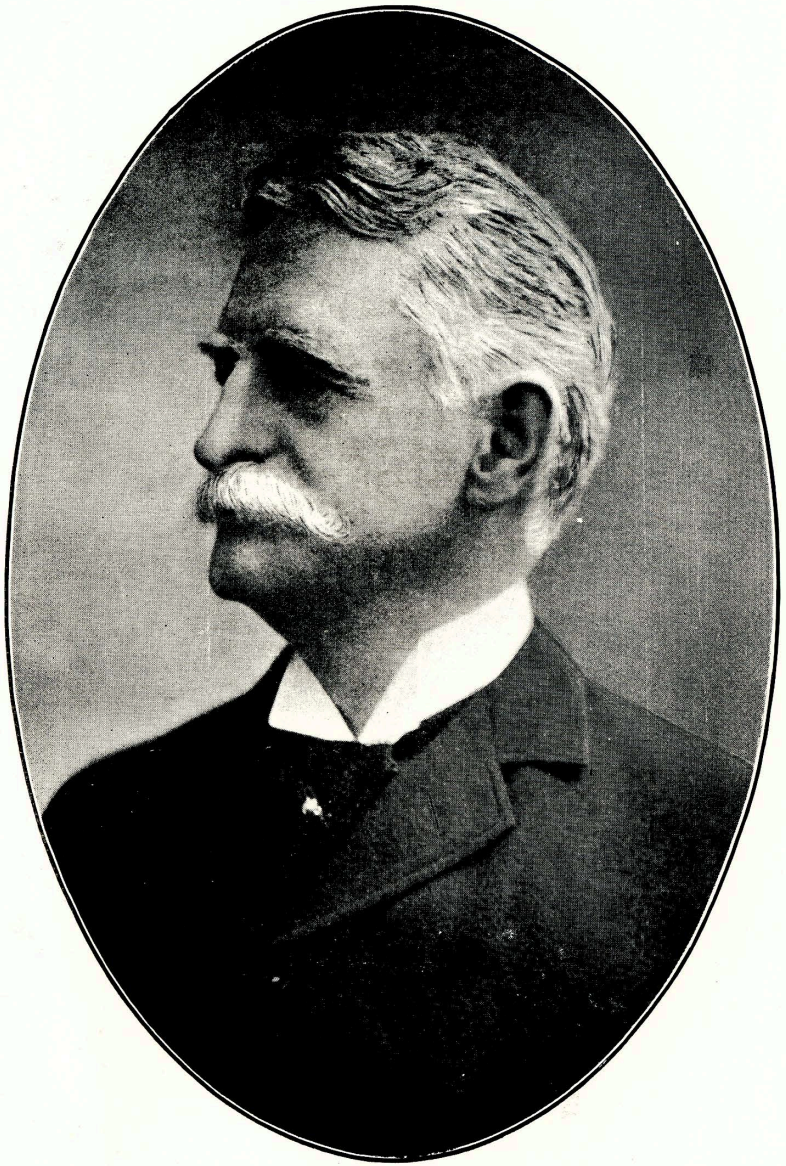
As we gather to celebrate the one hundredth Anniversary of George H. Taber Lodge it is proper and fitting that we recognize with reverence and respect, those members living and departed who by their regular and upright conduct, their skill and loyalty created and maintained so successfully this organization which we fondly hope will continue to prosper and be a respected and uplifting part of our community ever bearing in remembrance:

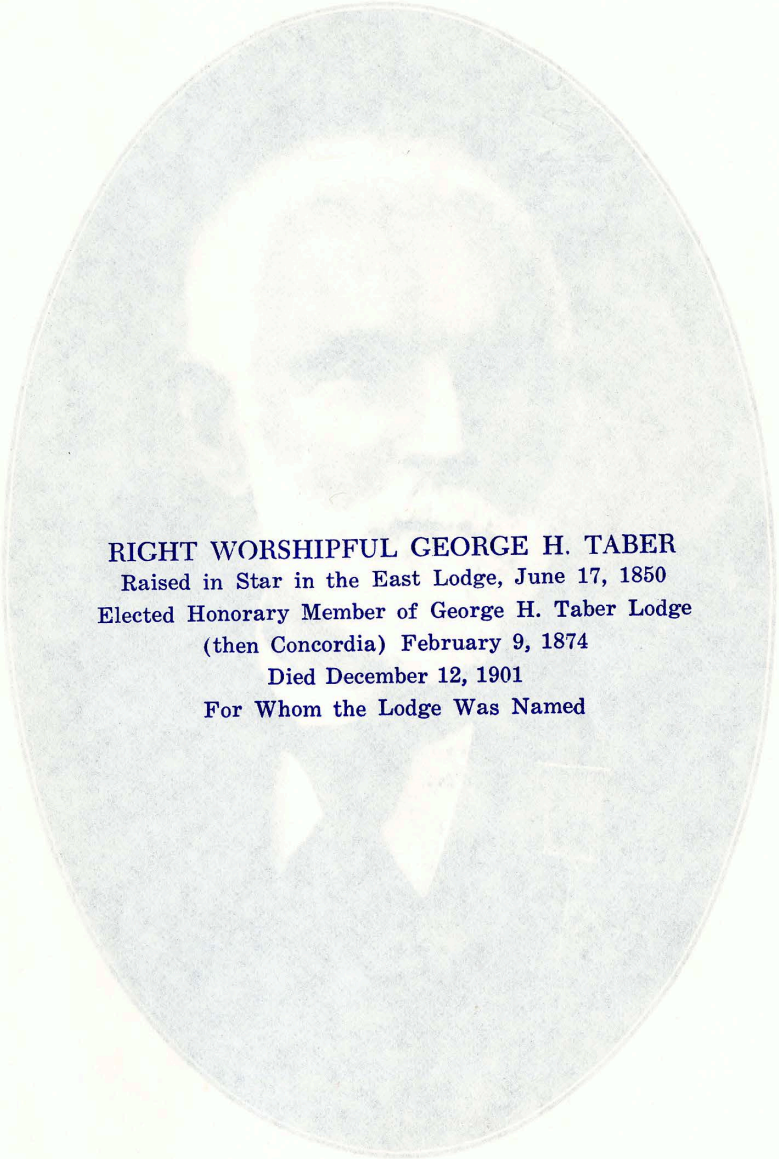
There's a world where all are equal; we are journeying toward it fast.
We shall meet upon the level there when the gates of death are past.
We shall stand before the orient, and our Master will be there
To try the blocks we offer with his own unerring square.
We shall meet upon the level there, but never thence depart,
There's a Mansion — 'tis all ready for each faithful, trusting heart,
There's a Mansion and a welcome, and a multitude is there
Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.

*History compiled by*
*Worshipful Frederick W. Reynolds and Brother Earle D. Wilson.*



BROTHER HENRY HUTTLESTON ROGERS
Raised in Star in the East Lodge, November 18, 1867
Elected Honorary Member of George H. Taber Lodge, July 8, 1901
Died May 19, 1909
Donor of the Masonic Building





RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GEORGE H. TABER
Raised in Star in the East Lodge, June 17, 1850
Elected Honorary Member of George H. Taber Lodge
(then Concordia) February 9, 1874
Died December 12, 1901
For Whom the Lodge Was Named

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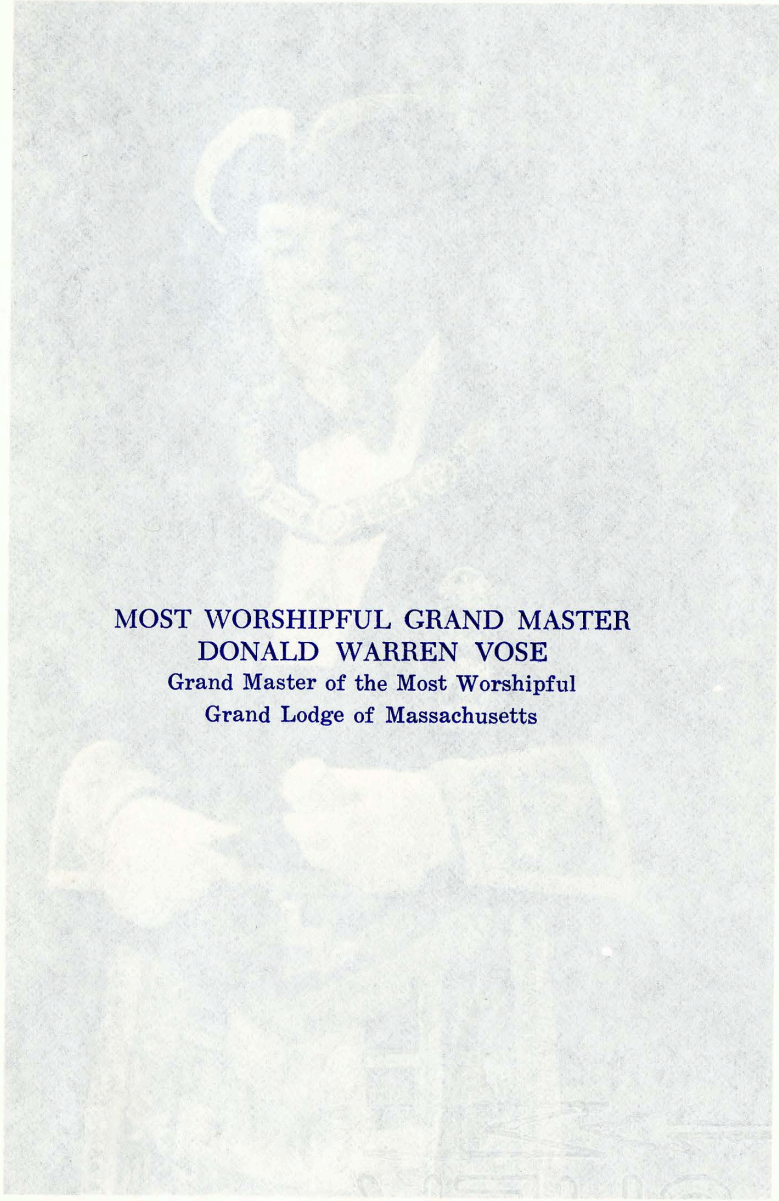

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
DONALD WARREN VOSE
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# PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1972

Special Communication in the Lodge Room at 3:15 p.m.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Unitarian Memorial Church - at 4:00 p.m.

Conducted by Rev. H. Kelsey Bicknell

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MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1972

Special Communication in the Lodge Room at 6:00 p.m.

Reception of Most Worshipful Grand Master

DONALD WARREN VOSE

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BANQUET IN THE PARISH HOUSE
UNITARIAN MEMORIAL CHURCH
7:00 p.m.

Vocal Solo ..... The Old Rugged Cross
Soloist ..... Bro. Carl A. Winnett
Organist ..... Bro. George E. Gregson
Introduction of the Grand Master ..... Wor. John Rogers, Jr.
The History of George H. Taber Lodge ..... Wor. Thomas E. Chase
Vocal Solo ..... How Great Thou Art
Address ..... M.W. Donald W. Vose
Remarks by other distinguished guests
Closing Solo ..... The Lord's Prayer

# MENU

Golden Fruit Cocktail, au Sherbert

Hot Roast Sirloin of Beef

Royal Brown Mushroom Gravy

Creamy Whipped Potatoes  Green String Beans, Almondine

Scalloped Oysters

Fresh Garden Salad

Rolls  Creamery Butter

Assorted Cakes

Ice Cream (Family Style)

Frozen Pudding  Strawberry

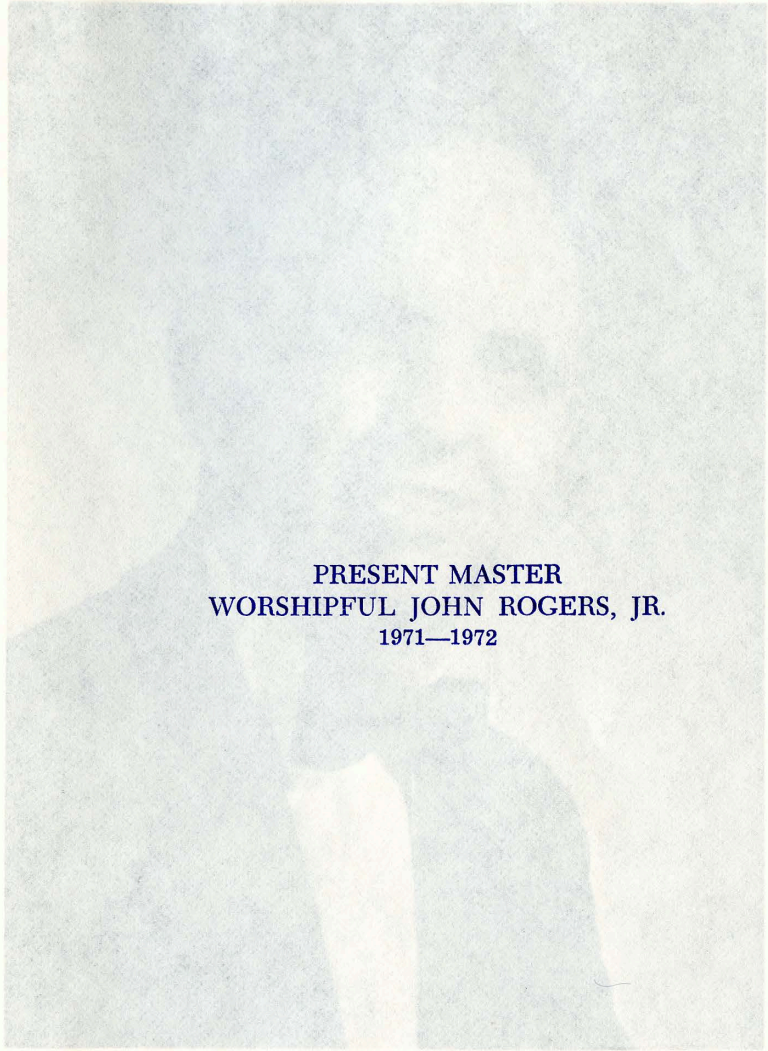
Coffee  Vanilla

Chocolate

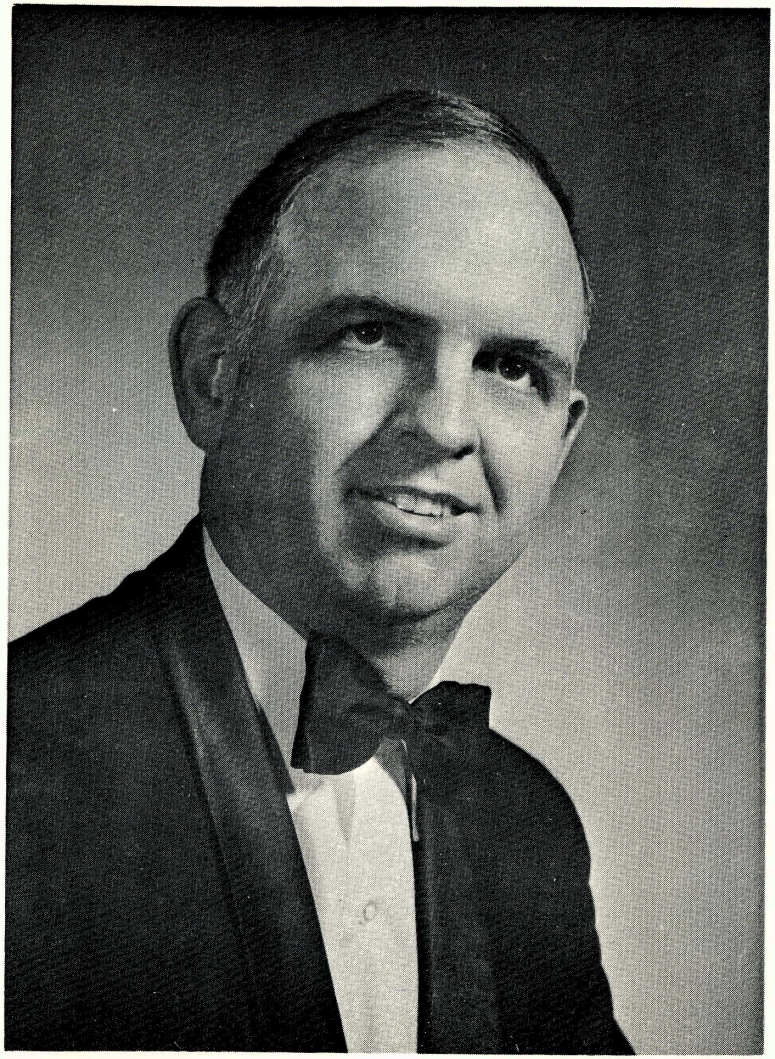
Coffee and Cigars

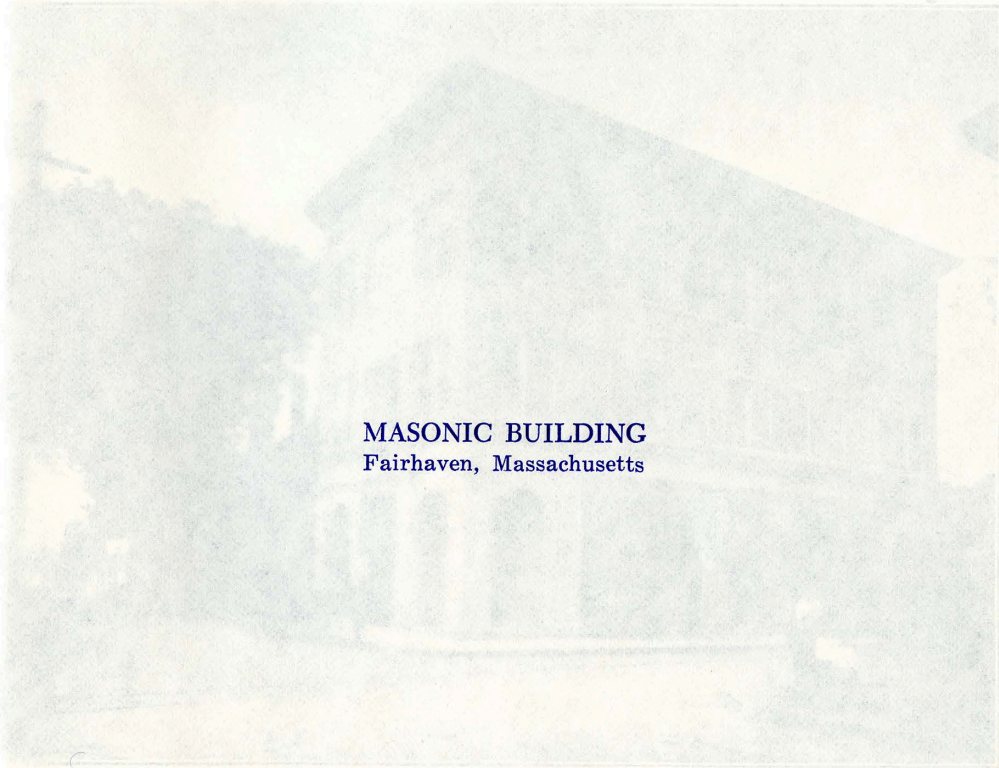
CATERER
Craven's Catering Service, Taunton

DINNER MUSIC
Bruce Kenworthy



PRESENT MASTER
WORSHIPFUL JOHN ROGERS, JR.
1971—1972





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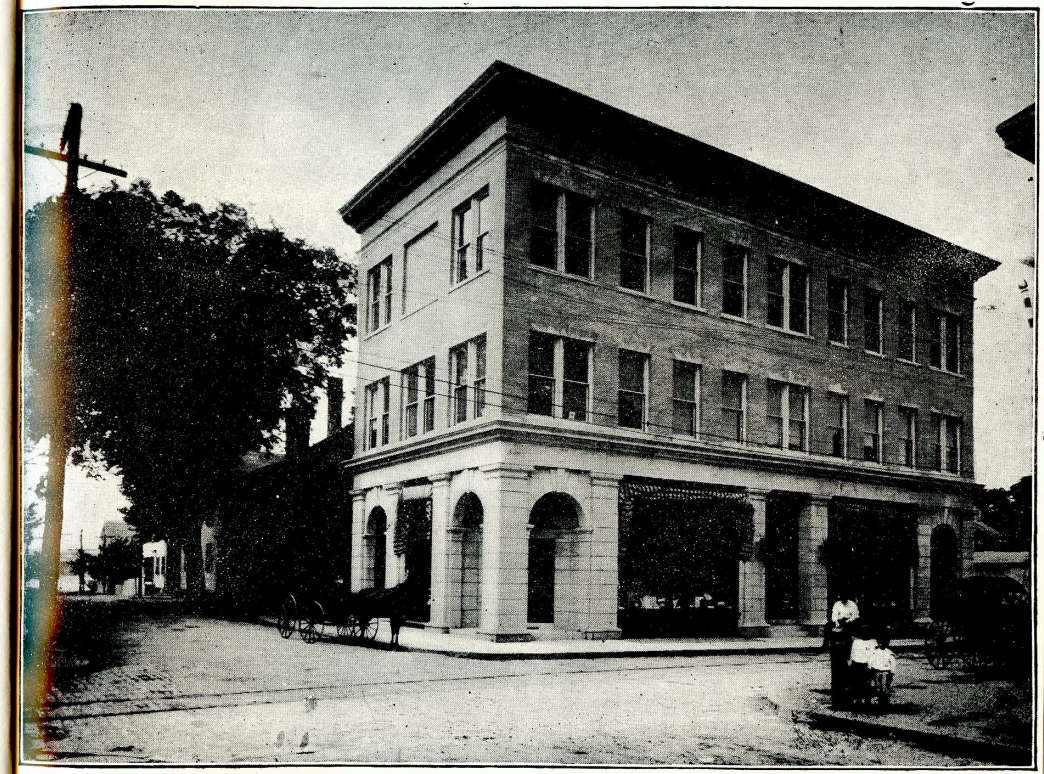

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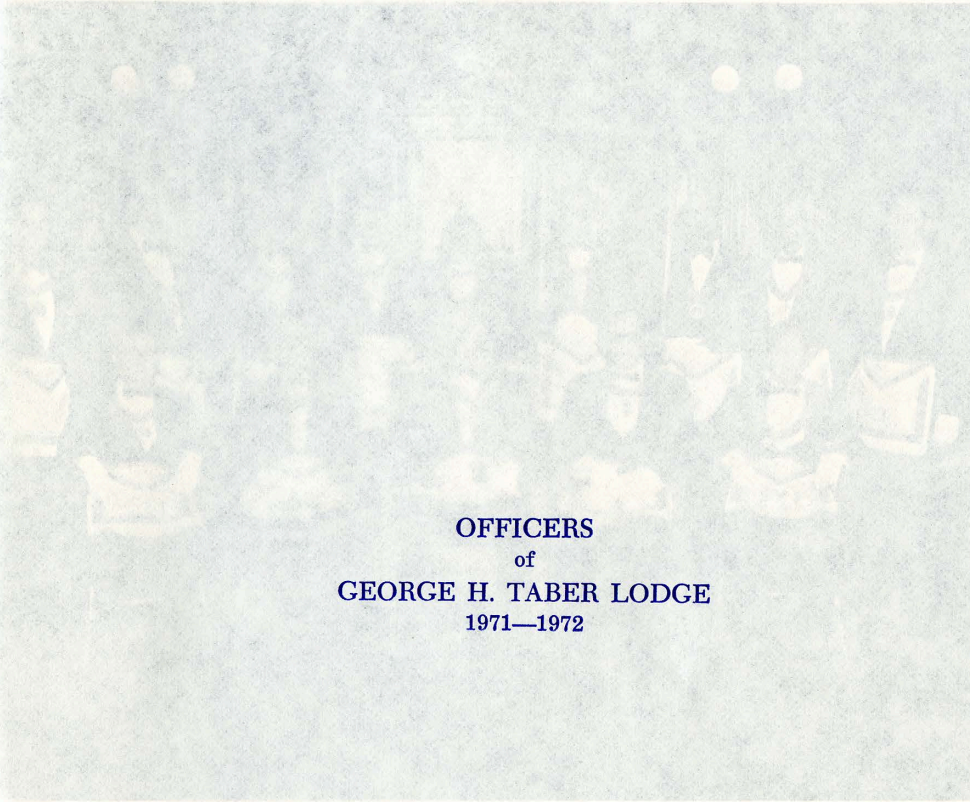

## OFFICERS
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## GEORGE H. TABER LODGE
1971—1972

FRONT ROW: Bro. Charles F. Crooks; Wor. Donald M. Gifford; Wor. John Rogers, Jr.; Wor. Thomas E. Chase; Wor. Frederick W. Reynolds.

REAR ROW: Wor. John F. Morgan, Jr.; Raymond A. Morse; William R. Letton; Walter E. Bowman, III; Charles F. Crooks, Jr.; Herbert N. Peck, Jr.; Everett T. Norvell, Sr.; Leonard L. Stubbs; Robert R. Chase.

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# OFFICERS of GEORGE H. TABER LODGE

1971 - 1972

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|---|---|
| JOHN ROGERS, JR. | Worshipful Master |
| WOR. DONALD M. GIFFORD | Senior Warden |
| WOR. THOMAS E. CHASE | Junior Warden |
| Charles F. Crooks | Treasurer |
| Wor. Frederick W. Reynolds | Secretary |
| Robert R. Chase | Chaplain |
| Charles F. Crooks, Jr. | Marshal |
| William R. Letton | Senior Deacon |
| Walter E. Bowman, III | Junior Deacon |
| Herbert N. Peck, Jr. | Senior Steward |
| Everett T. Norcutt, Sr. | Junior Steward |
| Raymond A. Morse | Inside Sentinel |
| Leonard L. Stubbs | Tyler |

PROXY TO GRAND LODGE

Right Worshipful Colby H. Benson

REPRESENTATIVE MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

Worshipful Donald M. Gifford

CHAIRMAN OF BLOOD DONATIONS

Worshipful Joseph A. Wenzel

## HONORED GUESTS

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|---|---|
| M.W. Donald W. Vose | Grand Master |
| R.W. Arthur H. Melanson | Deputy Grand Master |
| R.W. Stafford E. Davis | Senior Grand Warden |
| R.W. Kenneth L. Collard | Junior Grand Warden |
| M.W. Joseph E. Perry | Past Grand Master |
| M.W. Thomas S. Roy | Past Grand Master |
| M.W. Whitfield W. Johnson | Past Grand Master |
| M.W. Andrew G. Jenkins | Past Grand Master |
| M.W. Laurence E. Eaton | Past Grand Master |
| M.W. A. Neill Osgood | Past Grand Master |
| M.W. Thomas A. Booth | Past Grand Master |
| M.W. Herbert H. Jaynes | Past Grand Master |
| R.W. George R. Dewhurst | Past Senior Grand Warden |
| R.W. Albert W. Canedy | Past Junior Grand Warden |
| R.W. Robert P. Beach | Grand Secretary |
| R.W. James P. Warbasse | D.D.G.M. (New Bedford) 30th |
| R.W. Myron Rubinstein | D.D.G.M. (Fall River) 30th |
| R.W. Arthur L. Rockwell | Grand Marshal |
| Wor. Rev. Carl F. Schultz | Grand Chaplain |
| Wor. F. Gordon Jaynes | Grand Lecturer |
| Wor. Charles L. Young | Grand Sword Bearer |
| Wor. James Adams, Jr. | Grand Standard Bearer |
| Wor. Charles F. Benoit | Grand Pursuivant |
| Wor. Henry E. Ludlam | Grand Pursuivant |
| Wor. C. Evan Johnson | Grand Tyler |

## CHARTER MEMBERS

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Abner C. Fish
Albert Lewis
George Dunham
Elisha S. Whiting
S. H. Eldredge, Jr.
Benjamin Battles
John F. Gurney

# PAST MASTERS

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|---|---|
| *Job A. T. Eddy | 1873-74 |
| *Elbridge G. Paull | 1875 |
| *Levi M. Snow | 1876 |
| *J. A. Lewis | 1877-78-79 |
| *Edwin Stowell | 1880-81 |
| *R. Hathaway | 1882-83 |
| *E. F. Williams | 1884-85 |
| †*G. Hammond | 1886-87-88 |
| *W. Taylor | 1889-90-91 |
| †*J.L. Gillingham | 1892-93 |
| *Alex C. James | 1894-95 |
| *A. DeW. Bryant | 1896-97 |
| *R. A. Packard | 1898-99 |
| †*George B. Luther | 1900-01 |
| *E. Whiting, Jr. | 1902-03 |
| *S. S. Bumpus | 1904-05 |
| *Harry E. Dodge | 1906-07 |
| *Benjamin S. Holland | 1908 |
| *T. A. Kelley | 1909-10 |
| *Peter Murray | 1911 |
| *L. W. Murray | 1912-13 |
| †*Lyman C. Bauldry | 1914 |
| *Isaac N. Babbitt | 1915 |
| *George F. Braley | 1916 |
| †*C. E. P. Thompson | 1917 |
| *George A. Hayward | 1918 |
| *Benjamin C. Allmond | 1919 |
| *Joseph H. Allen | 1920 |
| *E. M. Burgess | 1921 |
| Jos. Sutcliffe, Jr. | 1922 |
| *F. A. Keith, Jr. | 1923 |
| *William H. Bly | 1924 |
| *Jonathan Taber, Jr. | 1925 |
| *Harry Betagh | 1926 |
| *Charles H. Lawton | 1927 |
| F. W. Reynolds | 1927-28 |
| *R. B. Dunham | 1928-29 |
| R. A. Dennie | 1929-30 |
| *G. A. Greene | 1930-31 |
| *B. W. Luther | 1931-32 |
| †Colby H. Benson | 1932-33 |
| *R. D. Webb. | 1933-34 |
| *S. H. Packard | 1934-35 |
| *W. E. Athearn | 1935-36 |
| *J. T. Poulton | 1936-37 |
| J. E. Haydon | 1937-38 |
| H. R. Dugdale | 1938-39 |
| *Milton H. Frost | 1939-40 |
| L. T. Brock, Sr. | 1940-41 |
| Alvin L.K. Tunstall | 1941-42 |
| *Carl V. Doberck | 1942-43 |
| *C. R. Dugdale | 1943-44 |
| F. W. Sylvia | 1944-45 |
| S. B. Kilburne | 1945-46 |
| *Frank Norman | 1946-47 |
| †C. W. Tunstall | 1947-48 |
| Donald Green | 1948-49 |
| E. William Darling | 1949-50 |
| C. H. Benson, Jr. | 1950-51 |
| Ervin R. Spach | 1951-52 |
| Hans A. Darwin | 1952-53 |
| A. H. Pinkham | 1953-54 |
| E. J. Wlodyka | 1954-55 |
| L. S. Gifford, Jr. | 1955-56 |
| D. S. Richards | 1956-57 |
| Jos. A. Wenzel | 1957-58 |
| C. E. Macomber | 1958-59 |
| O. A. Shumway | 1959-60 |
| M. Bart Botelho | 1960-61 |
| E. B. Spooner | 1961-62 |
| Walter J. Zych | 1962-63 |
| Don. D. Jepson | 1963-64 |
| Carl A. Winnett | 1964-65 |
| Gunnar V. Berg | 1965-66 |
| *E. P. Lowrie, 3rd | 1966-67 |
| J. F. Morgan, Jr. | 1967-68 |
| D. M. Gifford | 1968-69 |
| J. N. Habicht | 1969-70 |
| Thos. E. Chase | 1970-71 |

**Deceased*

†P.D.D.G.M.